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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, MPOL
SUBJECT: REPLY TO US FORCE GOALS IN RELATION TO LTDP

REF: USNATO 1101 (DTG 021816Z FEB 78)

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1. DURING A PRIVATE MEETING WITH ASYG MUMFORD ON 20 FEBRUARY CONCERNING CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE FORCE PROPOSAL EXERCISE (REPORTED SEPTTEL), MUMFORD STRESSED TO MISSION OFFICER THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY BEING POSED BY THE LATENESS OF THE US REPLY.
 2. MUMFORD SAID THAT THE TIME CONSTRAINTS THE I.S. WAS WORKING UNDER IN ATTEMPTING TO PROCESS TWO MAJOR EXERCISES - THE FORCE PROPOSALS AND LONG-RANGE DEFENSE PROGRAMS - BACK-TO-BACK REQUIRED THE COOPERATION OF ALL NATIONS. HE FELT "LET DOWN" BY THE LATENESS OF THE US REPLY. THE DRC MULTILATERALS HAD TO BE FINISHED BEFORE MID-MARCH SO THAT COMPLETE ATTENTION COULD BE GIVEN TO THE LTDP, A GOAL HE THOUGHT THE US WOULD SHARE COMPLETELY.

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TO MAINTAIN ANY KIND OF REASONABLE SCHEDULE, THE I.S. HAD TO HAVE THE US REPLY BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

3. COMMENT: MUMFORD IS IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE BIND. TO MEET HIS MID-MARCH GOAL, HOLD AN INFORMAL US TRILATERAL, PREPARE AND CIRCULATE THE US COUNTRY CHAPTER, THE US REPLY IS URGENTLY NEEDED. TO FACILITATE THE

FINANCIAL ASPECT OF THE REPLY, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO
AUTHORIZE US TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTIONS ON A
TENTATIVE BASIS, WHICH WE HAVE DERIVED FROM THE FY-79
POSTURE STATEMENT AND PUT INTO THE APPROVED NATO
FORMAT.

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- FY-79 FY-80 FY-81 FY-82 FY-83

DEFENSE OUTLAYS 115.2 125.8 136.5 147.9 159.5
(DOD BUDGET)

APPROXIMATION OF TOTAL 118.5 129.4 140.4 152.1 164.0
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES,
NATO DEF (A)

COMPOSITE PAY/PRICE 100.0 106.0 111.7 117.5 123.1
ASSUMPTION (FY-79
EQUALS 100 PERCENT)

TDE ESTIMATE 118.5 122.1 125.7 129.5 133.2
(CONSTANT FY-79)

(A) ACCORDING TO ITEM I, DPQ(77) PAGE 94, "DOD BUDGET
TOTALS ARE BETWEEN 97.0 AND 97.5 PERCENT OF THE OUTLAYS
ON THE NATO DEFINITION BASIS." USNATO USED 97.25 PERCENT
AS A COMPROMISE TO ESTIMATE TOTAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES
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BY NATO DEFINITION. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: US REPLY TO FORCE PROPOSALS BY
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